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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Annual Report of EIC Subcommittee on Minerals and Metals for FY 1962

REFERENCE : EIC-D-511, Subcommittee Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 1962

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During the Fiscal Year

1. Research and Collection Deficiencies

The Subcommittee has considered a statement of Priority Gaps in Information on the Ferrous Metallurgical Industry of the USSR. This statement was deemed to be suitable for use by the intelligence community as representative of Priority Collection Deficiencies in the Subcommittee purview.

The Subcommittee notes the lack of data on the minerals and metals industries in Communist China.

2. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

Agreement was reached on Sino-Soviet production, by country, of the following minerals and metals:

Iron ore	Bauxite
Manganese ore	Refined copper
Pig iron	Primary lead
Chrome	Primary tin metal
Crude steel	Refined zinc
Tungsten ore	Cadmium metal
Refined nickel	Mercury
Molybdenum	Primary magnesium
Cobalt	Sulfur
Primary aluminum	

These estimates are published in the Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook, 1961.

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3. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee serves primarily as a convenient means of meeting the varying ad hoc needs of its membership for intelligence on the minerals and metals industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. As few Subcommittee members are engaged in comprehensive research on a continuing basis in this field, plenary meetings are infrequent.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will review research and collection deficiencies and maintain agreed basic statistics in its field and will continue to be available for consultation among its members and for such other purposes as the EIC may direct or the needs of the intelligence community may indicate.

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